

A call to clean up

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Driving through the community housing areas has been extremely disconcerting.

Trash seems to be overflowing in dumpsters and strewn everywhere. Rather than appearing to be a wonderful place to live, it is as if we are living in the slums. And who are the slumlords?

They are: every resident who throws garbage on the ground or lets another do it; every resident who just tosses the garbage bag near the garbage can rather than in it; every resident who would rather overfill his or her garbage can than take the extra steps to recycle.

It's not one resident's problem. It's not the unit or commander's problem. It's a community-wide problem, and the time is way overdue to resolve it.

We shouldn't have to wait for a spring or fall community cleanup or scheduled street cleanup to pick up our housing areas and streets. Taking care of the garbage is a daily chore, one that cannot go left unattended. If not taken care of by each resident daily, we find ourselves back in the heaping problem of trash.

Recent complaints to the 221st Base Support Battalion commander put blame on the smaller trash receptacles given out last year to each unit. However if residents recycled properly many would find the new trash can is more than adequate if using the glass, paper/cardboard and yellow bag recycling containers.

Let's not continue living in slums. Bulk trash pickups are the first and third Monday of each month. Waiting until the Sunday before to bring out bulk trash keeps our community appearance up. Place yard and green waste in the new brown biodegradable bags. Sort the trash and recycle. Not only will it help the environment but it will make our communities look much nicer when trash isn't overflowing from the bins.

Yellow bags

Just what goes in the Gelbe Sack, more commonly known as the "Yellow Bag"? Here's an easy list to help you recycle:

Metal

- ◆ Aluminum cans
- ◆ Plates
- ◆ Lids
- ◆ Aluminum foil

Plastic

- ◆ Bags
- ◆ Bottles
- ◆ Jugs
- ◆ Yogurt/butter containers

Styrofoam

- ◆ Milk cartons
- ◆ Vacuum-sealed bags

Fall cleanup set for Dec. 6-10

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The weather has gotten a bit colder. The leaves have just about left trees barren for the winter and fall cleanup is just around the corner for communities within the 221st Base Support Battalion.

Each year the BSB hosts two neighborhood community-wide cleanups, once in the fall and again in the spring. During the week of Dec. 6-10 Soldiers, civilians and family members are encouraged to clean up around their workplace and living quarters. Although the focus of the cleanup will be in the work and common use areas Dec. 6-9, Soldiers will be released early Dec. 10 to continue the cleanup in the residential areas.

"This is the time we set aside so that Soldiers and family members can work together to help clean up our community," said Sgt. Maj. Stephen Smith, BSB command ser-

geant major. "We work diligently to ensure everything needed is available to residents and units."

To help with the cleanup process, residents need to stop by the Self Help Store in Hainerberg Housing or Dexheim to pick up any supplies such as bulk trash bags and lawn care items such as rakes, trimmers and edgers. Residents are reminded that due to recent changes in trash pickup, the blue trash bags are no longer usable for yard or any other waste.

"We now have brown bags for leaves, trimmings and other biodegradable waste at the Self Help stores," said Jerry Gidej, director of Public Works. Residents may turn in any unused blue bags to Self Help. Once filled, brown bags are to be placed alongside the curb near trash collection points.

The community-wide clean up is also a good time to get rid of unused furniture and household items cluttering up basements

and attics. Bulk trash, wood and metal items must be separated and placed neatly along the curb.

"A really important part to the whole cleanup is to separate the garbage. Don't just pile it up in one heap on the corner," said Smith.

Officials ask that residents ensure proper recycling of waste, including tires and car batteries that are considered hazardous waste.

"You can't just pile up the tires in a corner of the parking lot; they need to be taken to the Self Help Store in Hainerberg to be disposed of properly," Smith said.

The Self Help Store also serves as a collection point for unused household cleaning materials, paint, aerosol cans and household batteries.

Residents needing more information about Fall Cleanup should contact their building or village coordinator.

Bad recycling key to trash woes

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Trash is piling up throughout the community. One way to take care of this problem is to make a change in how we, as residents, handle our trash.

"The reason our housing areas are starting to look so trashy is due to the fact that not everyone in our housing areas is recycling," said Lt. Col. Christopher Franks, 221st Base Support Battalion commander.

Recent letters to *The Stars and Stripes* and comments made to the commander's hotline have complained about the garbage piling up on curbs or overflowing trash containers.

Residents are reminded of the proper use of the recycling containers. Recycling in Germany is a way of everyday life and mandatory for all soldiers, civilians and their families stationed at installations throughout U.S. Army Europe. If you haven't yet become an experienced recycler, it can be a challenge to get into the habit. There are many different recyclable items in Germany that Americans may not be used to discarding.

Officials recommend taking the following steps to start a simple recycling system in your home if you live in the greater Wiesbaden community:

➤ Start off with three different colored garbage cans for your kitchen. This will help you and your family get started. One can should be for recyclable garbage, one for all paper products and the other for biodegradable compost.

➤ Now for the Gelbe sack, more commonly known as the "yellow bag." If you don't have any of the German yellow bags, be sure to pick them up at the Self Help Store in Hainerberg. Then decide which can to put the yellow bag in and keep it that way so that no one gets confused. Although there are pictures on the yellow bag describing what

items may be discarded in it, there are only three main types of items — **metal**, including all aluminum cans, plates, lids and aluminum foil; **plastic**, including bags, bottles, jugs, bowls (such as margarine or yogurt containers) and Styrofoam; **cartons**, including milk cartons and vacuum-sealed bags.

➤ Recycling bins. Throughout the housing areas there are recycling bins labeled "Altpapier" and "Altglass." All types of paper can be placed in the Altpapier bin including newspapers, magazines, catalogs, brochures, office paper and flat cardboard. What cannot be placed in these containers are pizza boxes, milk cartons, or photography paper. Staples, tape and plastic windows on envelopes must be removed from items before being discarded.

➤ Altglass containers can normally be found subdivided into three sections, clear, green and brown. Be sure to rinse the bottles and remove the caps or lids prior to discarding them. This bin is not for window glass, mirrors, porcelain or lightbulbs, these items can be tossed with your regular trash.

Now that you have the basics down, let's go a little further.

➤ Hazardous waste. Many items and household cleaners around the house are considered hazardous waste such as oven cleaners, paints, fertilizer, insecticides, disinfectants and aerosol cans. Whether full or empty, if you are finished with any of these items they should be taken to the Home Improvement Store in Hainerberg Housing. One way to help determine if your household waste has hazardous components is to read the labels on products. If the label reads danger, warning, caution, toxic, corrosive, flammable or



Photo by Karen Edge

poison then it is more than likely considered a hazardous waste and should be recycled through the Home Improvement Store.

Hazardous materials constantly found lying around throughout housing areas are tires. After changing tires on your car, be sure to take the old ones to the Self Help Store for proper recycling.

➤ Another item that many people are not used to recycling is batteries. Not just car batteries which can be taken to the Home Improvement Store as well, but regular household batteries, AA, AAA, C, D and 9V batteries are all recycled. These items can also be dropped off at the Self Help Store or in one of the many bins located at shoppettes throughout the community.

➤ And finally, medicine. Back in the states it was easy to just dump old or unused medicine down the toilet and throw away the empty bottles. Here in Germany it's done a bit differently. All unused medicine should be kept in its original container and placed in a box or bag that is sealed with tape. Then label it waste medicines or "Altmedikamente" and take it to a German pharmacy called an Apotheke. You can turn these items in free of charge.

It may seem like a hassle, but just making a few changes in how trash is discarded can make a big difference in our housing areas. Doing our part not only helps make the world cleaner but also makes the environment safer.

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Community gears up for holidays

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The holidays are right around the corner and so are many festivities throughout the 221st Base Support Battalion.

Tree lighting ceremonies kick off Dec. 3 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield at 6 p.m. and Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Dexheim Chapel.

After the airfield tree lighting follow Santa and his elves to the "Peppermint Stick Village" at the Community Activity Center.

"We're bringing the celebration back to the airfield this year," said Laura Waid, Morale, Welfare and Recreation events coordinator. For the past two years, the official tree lighting and celebration has been done at Hainerberg Chapel followed by family activities at the Youth Services gym.

The Peppermint Stick Village, as it has been called in years past, includes decorated houses, candy canes and a cardboard gingerbread house which serves as a bakery, Ye Olde Photo Shoppe, a General Store, Crafts Store and the North Pole Post Office where children can mail letters to Santa.

"Throughout the evening chil-

dren will get a chance to talk to Santa, make Christmas ornaments and crafts and even mail their wish list," said Waid.

A free Polaroid photo with Santa will be made available by Römer Art Center as well as reasonably priced holiday portrait packages.

The Dexheim community hosts a tree lighting Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. at the parade field across from the fitness center followed by free refreshments, crafts and pictures with Santa inside.

"Due to the construction at the gate entrance we had to move our tree lighting ceremony," said Cravin Ham, Dexheim MWR events coordinator.

Following the tree lighting everyone

is invited to attend activities inside the fitness center which include Christmas caroling by the Kilians Choir out of Nierstein and a performance by Dexheim Anderson Barracks Angelic Praise Dancers.

Römer Art Center hosts a holiday party complete with music and readings of cherished holiday stories such as "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" and "A Christmas Carol." Reservations are required for this party by calling mil 337-5722 or civ (0611) 705-5722.



Evelyn Zierer (right), Wiesbaden Kontakt Club president, shows youngsters how to make Christmas stars out of straw at last year's Christmas Tree Lighting celebration in Hainerberg Housing. This year's celebration will be held at Wiesbaden Army Airfield Dec. 3 at 6 p.m.

If you still haven't had enough of holiday cheer, check out the Amelia Earhart Playhouse's production of "Uh-Oh, Here Comes Christmas." Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2-5 and 9-12. Tickets are available at the playhouse or at the USO offices at Hainerberg Shopping Center and Wiesbaden Army Airfield.

Holiday activities aren't only happening on U.S. installations. Be sure to enjoy some holiday cheer "German style" by checking out the many Christkindl markets (Christmas markets) that have already started opening up throughout Germany. Enjoy the open air, scent of roasted chestnuts, music and plenty other activities now until Christmas. The Wiesbaden German-American friendship club, Kontakt, offers a trip to the Strassbourg Christmas Market Dec. 4. The trip includes a boat ride around the city,



Santa and one of his elves arrive on a firetruck to greet everyone following last year's tree lighting.

strolling through the Christmas market and a visit to the city's cathedral. To sign up for the trip call

the 221st BSB Public Affairs Office at mil 337-5772 or civ (0611) 705-5772.

Thanksgiving dinners

Thanksgiving dinner will be served at the **Wiesbaden Army Airfield Dining Facility** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at both the **McCully** and **Anderson Barracks** facilities Nov. 25. A Thanksgiving buffet will be served from noon to 3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. at **Rheinblick Golf Course** Nov. 25. Call civ (0611) 42 8118 for reservations. If you didn't get enough turkey for Thanksgiving, stop by the **McCully Club** Nov. 26 for more traditional holiday food. Call civ (06133) 69747 for more information.

Holiday parties

Celebrate the Christmas holidays at **Römer Art Center** Dec. 11 from 6-9 p.m. with festive music and readings of cherished holiday stories. Reservations are required. Call mil 337-5722 or civ (0611) 705-5722.

Share holiday cheer with friends at the **Kastel Klub** at Mainz-Kastel Storage Station during their holiday party Dec. 17.

Holiday happenings

Religious services

Team 221st chapels offer a variety of religious services throughout the coming holiday season. **Thanksgiving Mass** will be held Nov. 24 at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel and Nov. 25 at the Hainerberg Chapel from noon to 1 p.m. Learn how to make your own **Advent wreath** at the Army Community Service cafeteria from 5-7 p.m. Nov. 28. A **Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass** will be held from noon to 1 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Dec. 8 at Hainerberg Chapel; **Spanish Mass** from 5-6 p.m. at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel Dec. 12; **Children's Christmas Musical** at the Hainerberg Chapel from 5-7 p.m. Dec. 12; **Catholic penance service** from 6-7 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Hainerberg Chapel; **Ecumenical Christmas Service** from noon to 1 p.m. Dec. 23 at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel; **Children's Christmas Eve Mass** from 5-6 p.m. Dec. 24 at Hainerberg Chapel; **Gospel**

Candlelight Service from 5-7 p.m. at the Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel Dec. 24; **Protestant Candlelight Service** from 7-8 p.m. Dec. 24 at Hainerberg Chapel; **Christmas Eve Mass** at Dexheim Chapel from 6-7 p.m. Dec. 24; **Midnight Mass** from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Hainerberg Chapel Dec. 24; **Christmas Day Mass** from 9 a.m. to noon at Hainerberg Chapel Dec. 25; **Gospel Watch Night Service** from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31 at Wiesbaden Army Airfield Chapel; and **Feast of Mary Mass** from noon to 1 p.m. at Hainerberg Chapel Jan. 1.

Holiday assistance

The Wiesbaden/Dexheim Army Community Service is coordinating this year's Holiday Assistance Program. The program will provide food vouchers and gifts for children age 12 and under for qualified military and Department of Defense fami-

lies in the community.

ACS will accept donations until Dec. 15. Children's gifts and monetary donations are sought.

Christmas trees will be decorated with angel cards located in several locations throughout the Wiesbaden/Dexheim communities.

On the back of each card will be the age of a child, gender and the child's wish (not to exceed \$20).

You can fulfill a child's wish simply by taking the angel card and returning it with a gift to one of the collection points.

For more information call Bob Williams in Wiesbaden at mil 337-5034/5754 or Eric Harris in Dexheim at mil 344-5578/5716.

Brunch with Santa

Bring the children to brunch with Santa Claus at the Rheinlander Club Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. Call mil 334-5712 or civ (06133) 69-712 for more information.



Photo by Karl Weisel

Christmas at the Hessenpark

Hessen's huge open air museum, the Hessenpark, may be closed for winter, but many of the shops on the market square remain open. Visitors are invited to go hiking in the nearby Taunus Mountains and to stop for a bite to eat at the historical showcase. A Christmas Market will be held on the marketplace Dec. 11 and 12 from noon to 8 p.m. Hessenpark is located not far from the Saalburg, north of Bad Homburg near Neu Anspach. The park reopens Feb. 26, 2005.

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Community news notes

FAST training

Sign up at the Education Center for Functional Academic Skills

Training focusing on reading, language, math and computer skills for Soldiers wishing to improve their

job performance, GT score and reenlistment options. Course runs from Nov. 29 to Dec. 17 from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. See your Army Education counselor for more information.

Town forums set

Community Town Halls will be held at General H.H. Arnold High School for the Wiesbaden Community at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 8 and at the Rheinlander Club in Dexheim Dec. 15 at 6 p.m.

Rheinlander buffet

The Rheinlander Club at Anderson Barracks in Dexheim hosts an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet with a variety of meats, pasta, salads and side dishes Dec. 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Skiing in the Alps

Join Team 221st Outdoor Recreation this ski season for trips to Engelberg, Switzerland, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 and 18. Buses leave at 4 a.m. and return around 11:30 p.m. For more information or to sign up call mil 337-5760 or (0611) 705-5760.

Native American lunch

In honor of Native American Month the Rheinlander Club in Dexheim offers a special lunch from

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 24. Books and other information on Native Americans will be on display. For information or reservations for parties of 10 or more call mil 334-5712.

Tax office closed

The Wiesbaden Tax Assistance Center will be closed until late January 2005. Redeploying Soldiers have an automatic extension of 180 days from the day they left a combat zone to file their 2003 tax returns. Additionally any time spent in a combat zone from Jan. 1 to April 15, 2004, is added to the 180 day extension. Essentially this means that many Soldiers have a 254 day extension to file and will still have time to file when the TAC re-opens for the 2004 tax season. For more information call the Wiesbaden Legal Center at mil 337-4725 or civ (0611) 705-4725.

New in Dexheim?

Army Community Service offers free activities to help newcomers to Dexheim acclimate to their new surroundings. An introductory coffee is held the first Wednesday of the month in Building 6460 at Anderson Barracks. A cultural bus tour of the area will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 24. German conversation classes are held every Monday

and Wednesday from 1-2:30 p.m. For more information call mil 334-5622.

WCSC luncheon

The Wiesbaden Community Spouses Club hosts their monthly luncheon Dec. 15. Reservations are required by Dec. 8. Call civ (0611) 736 6989 for more information.

Job search skills

Dexheim Army Community Service offers free Resumix classes from 3-4 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 9 and 16. Learn about interview techniques Dec. 7 from 10-11:30 a.m. All classes meet in Building 6460 at Anderson Barracks. For more information call mil 334-5646.

Story time at library

The Wiesbaden community library holds story time every Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. Targeted for pre-school aged children, the program includes listening to a story and a craft time.

Red Cross classes

Babysitters Training, Healthy Pregnancy, CPR and Volunteer classes are held through the Wiesbaden Red Cross. To sign up for upcoming classes call mil 337-1760 or civ (0611) 705-1760.

222nd BSB — Baumholder, Neubrücke, Strassburg

CMR hours

The Baumholder community mailroom will be open Saturdays through Dec. 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mondays through Fridays the CMR will be open from 10:30 to 6 p.m.

On Dec. 24 the Baumholder CMR will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Strassburg unit mailroom will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Dec. 18.

Due to limited space at the mailrooms, customers are reminded to pick up their packages as soon as possible before the holidays.

NCOs sought to serve as range controllers

The Baumholder Liaison Detachment (Range Control) seeks noncommissioned officers to join the detachment. Soldiers must be in the grade of E-6, branch qualified, able to speak, understand and read German and must hold a 19K or 11 series Military Occupational Specialty. Call mil 485-6723.

Training center to close

The 7th Army Training Command Regional Training Support Center-Baumholder Visual Information Support Branch will be closed for inventory Dec. 7-9. The photo studio and illustrator section will be open.

Sports lineup

● Nov. 29 — intramural basketball begins at the Hall of Champions

● Dec. 20 to Jan. 3 — holiday sports activities (three-on-three basketball, amateur racquetball tournament, etc.) at the Hall of Champions and Gym 2

● Feb. 7-21 — 222nd Base Support Battalion Intramural Basketball Championship at the Hall of Champions

● Feb. 25-27 — 104th Area Support Group intramural basketball championship at Giessen

● March 3-6 — Installation Management Agency-Europe intramural basketball play-offs at Würzburg.

Outdoor Rec Center

Building 8895, mil 485-7182, civ (06783) 6-7182

Plan your free time now and experience Europe with Baumholder's Outdoor Recreation Center. They offer the following trips throughout Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Poland and Holland:

● Nov. 24-27 — Thanksgiving ski trip to Kaprun, Austria, \$415

● Dec. 4 — Rothenburg Christmas Market trip to Rothenburg, \$55

● Dec. 10-12 — Garmisch ski weekend, \$195

● Dec. 17-19 — Polish pottery shopping in Poland, \$115

● Dec. 7-19 — Switzerland ski weekend to Interlaken, \$125

● Jan. 8 — Black Forest ski trip to the Feldberg, \$65

● Jan. 14-17 — Austria ski weekend to Gastein, \$315

● Jan. 15 — Paris Express, \$85

● Jan. 21 — Switzerland ski weekend to Interlaken, \$125

● Jan. 29-30 — Garmisch ski weekend, Germany, \$195

● Feb. 5 — Black Forest ski trip to the Feldberg, \$65

Happenings



Photo by LeAnne MacAllister

Lighting up the night for St. Martin

Girl Scouts participate in the St. Martin's Day parade and bonfire Nov. 10 at the tennis courts pavillion in Baumholder. Dressed in snow boots and earmuffs, American and German children turned out in record numbers to celebrate the event.

● Feb. 11-14 — Austria ski weekend to Gastein, \$415

● Feb. 12 — trip to Amsterdam, \$85

● Feb. 19, Black Forest ski trip to the Feldberg, \$65.

Community basketball

All of the men's community level basketball home games begin at 1 p.m. and are at the Hall of Champions.

● Dec. 4 — Baumholder vs. SHAPE

● Jan. 29 — Baumholder vs. Kaiserslautern

● Feb. 19 — Baumholder vs. Heidelberg.

Army Community Service

The following classes are offered by Army Community Service in November. Make reservations for these classes by calling mil 485-8188.

PCSPre-employment — Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon. This class will teach students how to start the process for finding employment at a new post before leaving Baumholder.

Parenting programs

Parents and Tots Playgroup (birth to pre-school) — Nov. 29 from 10-11:30 a.m., Iron Kids Play Room, Building 8222. New Parent Education and Support Program personnel conduct the play morning.

Empowering Nurturing Parents — Nov.

23 and 30 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Iron Kids Play Room. This class is the follow-up support program for those who have completed the 12-week nurturing parenting course.

Infant Care and Breastfeeding — will be held by appointment only.

Families in Balance Seminars — every Thursday from 9-11 a.m. This is a general skills class for basic knowledge for parents with children of any age.

Boot Camp for Dads — every Thursday from 2-4 p.m. This is a four-week instructional program for new dads. The program is offered at the Iron Kids Play Room.

Maintaining Love in a Healthy Relationship — Nov. 23 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The class focuses on getting back to strong relationships and renewing bonds of friendship and love between the couple. Topics is Love and Intimacy.

Happily Ever After-Adjusting to New Marriage — Nov. 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This class is targeted to new couples and young married persons in the process of learning to be a couple. Sand or Stone is the topic.

Anger, Stress, and Conflict Resolution — Nov. 26 from 9-11 a.m. This class is open to anyone interested in learning to better manage their anger and stress.

Living and Saving on a Shoestring — Nov. 24 from 9-11 a.m. Learn how to make

your paycheck stretch to meet your needs.

Home Decoration Class — Dec. 2 from 6-9 p.m. The making of a holiday wreath either as a door decoration or as a German Advent candleholder will be featured. Participants must bring four candles, two to three inches thick, wrapping wire, small Christmas decoration, glue gun (only if available). Material cost is approximately €10.

Medieval Christmas market at Burg Lichtenberg — Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will feature handicrafts stands, medieval music, jugglers, jesters, archery, knights and more. Admission is €2 for adults; children under 1.20 meters tall get in free.

Child and Youth Services

Building 8743, Dispensary
mil 485-7003, civ (06783) 6-7003

Hours: Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Saturday and Sunday.

Child care for events

Child care during events is available at Child and Youth Services. The cost is \$2.50 an hour per child or \$2.75 per child after 5 p.m. and weekends. Child care is subject to the availability of staff. A minimum of 10 children must register per event and a contract is required. All children must be registered with CYS. For more information call mil 485-7393.

Youth Services

Building 8743, Dispensary
mil 485-7276, civ (06783) 6-7276

www.baumholder.army.mil/youthsite/html/ys.htm

Hours: Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Saturday and Sunday.

Youth trips, events

● Dec. 23 — middle school and holiday teen party for sixth-12th-graders, 4-8 p.m., free admission

● Dec. 27 — ice skating in Saarbrücken for sixth-12th-graders, noon to 6 p.m., \$16 plus spending money

● Dec. 28 — swimming at Monte Mare in Kaiserslautern for sixth-12th-graders, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$10 plus spending money

● Dec. 30 — middle school and teen pre-New Years Eve bash for sixth-12th-graders at the Underground, 5-9 p.m., Teen Cafe, 6-10 p.m., free admission

Youth Services free bus

Registered youth in sixth to 12th-grade can use the free Child and Youth Services bus between the youth centers and outlying areas. Attending the Youth Services facilities is free. Come and check your email, play games, use art materials, join clubs or have a snack. For more information on any of the YS activities call Steve Ferguson at mil 485-8249 or 7276.

Torch Club

Torch Clubs are chartered small group leadership and service clubs for boys and girls age 11-13. The Torch Club is a vehicle through which club staff can help meet the special needs of younger adolescents at a critical stage in their development. Torch Club members learn to elect officers and work together to plan and implement activities in four areas — service to club and community, education, health and fitness and social recreation.

Engineers mentor JROTC cadets

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Approximately 20 senior NCOs from the 40th Engineer Combat Battalion invited the Baumholder High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets on their senior staff ride Nov. 9. The group visited World War II monuments and museums in and around Bastogne, Belgium.

The historical town denotes the center of the Battle of the Bulge — a decisive World War II battle in which the Germans failed in their last attempt to break the Allied forces. Dec. 16 marks its 60th anniversary.

Master Sgt. Timothy Bingham realized that the JROTC program in Baumholder did not have an active partnership with a battalion on post; a program that he was proud to take part in at previous assignments. He initiated contact with retired Maj. David Schwab, JROTC instructor, in August to explore possibilities. Shortly after meeting Bingham and Schwab arranged the trip.

In addition to this partnership program, Bingham has worked as a guest instructor for the JROTC program, presenting a weeklong course on map reading and navigation.

Going the extra mile

When asked why he was willing to go the extra mile to make the partnership successful, Bingham said, "These JROTC kids deserve the same opportunities as those in the States in terms of time, financial and sponsorship support. Plus, Maj. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey (1st Armored Division commander) asked commanders to do something with re-constitution for the community — this is a great way for our NCOs to engage in community relations.

"We're trying to pass these lessons on to our future generation and give them a kick start for success," he said.

Since the trip was held close to Veterans Day, the theme of the holiday served as a guiding light to discussion topics, connecting today's veterans with those from World War II to potential next-generation Soldiers.

Command Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Miller noted that Veterans Day was a great opportunity for the NCOs to compare historical fighting tactics and strategies to today's technologically advanced Army and examine how events may have changed in a modern battle.

"Including JROTC cadets on the trip assists the community and the Soldiers. You don't see this type of



Photo by LeAnne MacAllister

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from Baumholder American High School examine a marker at the World War II monument in Bastogne. The 40th Engineer Battalion senior NCOs sponsored and escorted the cadets on this educational excursion.

program in many units, both working within the community then partnering to learn about the larger community in Europe simultaneously," Miller said.

Making a difference

The assistance from the 40th Engineers made a significant difference to Schwab and the cadets.

"Their support has been extremely helpful. We couldn't have run such a comprehensive trip for the cadets without them," said

Schwab.

He also pointed out that the system of pairing one NCO with five to six cadets allowed the students to receive more personalized and specialized attention during the trip.

They had someone to go through their lessons with, to answer their questions and to help them put the pieces together to see the bigger picture.

The NCOs had a short second

agenda planned for the day. Bingham led a discussion in which the NCOs were asked to reflect on the day. "I wanted them to think outside of the box and to analyze how engineers historically 'cleared the way,'" said Bingham.

As the NCOs proudly reflected on how their engineer ancestors cleared the way for the Allied army in World War II, it was apparent that this generation of engineers was also clearing the way for the next.



Photo by LeAnne MacAllister

JROTC cadets and a Soldier from the 40th Engineer Battalion view a vintage World War II era jeep at the military museum in Bastogne.

Excerpt from "The Battle of the Bulge" by Hugh Cole, copyright William S. Konecky Association 2001.

"Watching helplessly on Dec. 18 as a bridge spanning Belgium's Lienne Creek was blown up in his face, SS panzer leader Joachim Peiper pounded his knee in fury and muttered, "The damned engineers! The damned engineers!" Peiper's curse was a well-earned compliment for the U.S. Army engineers, who turned up again and again to thwart German forces during the Battle of the Bulge.

Besides blowing up bridges, they barricaded and mined roads vital to the German tanks. They also fought as infantry, defending critical positions

until reinforcements arrived. In the Stavelot area, three major engineers held their ground so stubbornly that Major General James M. Gavin rated them "as effective as a good combat division."

Yet for all their labors, their hard-won successes and the heavy casualties they sustained, the engineers still had to put up with the gibes of infantrymen — whether ignorant newcomers or wisecracking veterans who refused to forget the old rivalry between the services. An engineer outfit would trail in from the front line filthy and exhausted after fighting for days — only to hear some infantryman say, "Why the hell don't you rear-echelon bastards ever come up front and fight?"

Red Cross launches Together We Prepare

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Children are learning to help their friends and family members in emergency situations with a little help from the American Red Cross. Together We Prepare, a program developed by the American Red Cross and presented in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security teaches children in kindergarten through 12th-grade everything from basic first aid to advanced CPR.

"There are 1,516 children registered in the four Baumholder schools, and our goal is to get every child trained," said Mary Basiliere, Baumholder's Red Cross station manager.

The Red Cross is getting much needed help from the 8th Finance Battalion, 501st Military Police Company and the 47th Forward Support Battalion.

"We've also received support from the Baumholder Health Clinic. They've donated supplies that we've needed like gloves and gauze. The 47th FSB medics are also helping us out with supplies and the 222nd Base Support Battalion is also helping us out with much needed photocopying," said Basiliere.

"Given the events of Sept. 11 many agencies are trying to do things to make people safer. Together We Prepare is designed to teach as many people as possible basic first aid and preparedness skills to help make the world a safe place," said Basiliere.

Together We Prepare is designed to be age specific, ranging from kindergarten through 12th-grade. "For instance, kindergarten kids might be learning about playground safety and how not to get lost and what to do when a stranger approaches. Sixth-graders are going to learn to stop severe bleeding and the basics of first aid while high school kids are going to learn non-certified CPR and first aid. So it's all based on skill level," said Basiliere.

Although the program only allows for non-certified CPR and first aid training, Baumholder's Red Cross will offer completely certified CPR and first aid class for all high school seniors.

"We'll offer them a completely certified class at their convenience and at no cost. We're also in the process of doing the program for the JROTC group at the high school and we've fine tuned the program to present it to a wilderness group that gets together after school. They'll learn what to do about snake

bites, how to treat shock, etc.," said Basiliere.

The Red Cross also offers a community program that can be presented to families and other adult community members.

With the help of Soldiers from the 8th Finance Battalion, the ambitious training of all students began Nov. 8 at Neubrück Elementary School.

"We've trained the 8th Finance Battalion to teach the kindergarten through sixth-grade classes at Neubrück Elementary School," said Basiliere. The 8th Finance Battalion is the sponsoring unit for Neubrück Elementary School. "We're in the process of training the 47th FSB medics who have offered to help out with the older kids, seventh-grade and higher because we're going to offer more hands-on CPR and first aid skills to the older students. The medics just jumped right in there and offered to help us.

"We also have quite a few spouses who have offered to help us so we're going to provide them with training as well," said Basiliere.

The entire Together We Prepare program is being put together and presented by volunteers. "I presented it to the unit commanders and several of them expressed interest in assisting us. The 8th Finance Battalion had a lot of Soldiers who said 'hey I'd like to give it a shot.' They've even raised some of the money for the program to be presented at Neubrück," said Basiliere.

The more money the Red Cross receives the more resources they can put into the program.

"We tried to do a fund-raiser during the Super Six to raise money for the program, but the rain kind of put a damper on some things. We've also applied for a welfare grant through the Baumholder Community Spouses Club fund and we're awaiting final approval," said Basiliere.

"And, God forbid if something does happen and any of the children or people who have been



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Travis Dyer, a sixth-grade Neubrück Elementary School student, practices first aid techniques on Zackary Wimer as part of the Red Cross Together We Prepare Program.

through our program use the skills that they learned, we have a certificate of merit that we can present because they used the skills they learned to help someone.

"If someone falls down the stairs a child will know the basics of how to call for help and to check if 'Mommy is still awake' and that can make a difference."



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Pfc. Denetra Elder and Pfc. Angel Akers, 8th Finance Battalion, hand out Red Cross information to sixth-graders Edwin Sovell Jr. and Paul Trendel.



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Nancy Brandenburg, a volunteer family member from 1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery Regiment, helps kindergarten Avery Erickson.

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Dining facilities offer holiday meals

Are you wondering what you are going to do for Thanksgiving? Ponder no longer. The Baumholder military community dining facilities go above the call of duty to provide the post with America's famous feast here in Germany.

Of course you'll see the traditional menu items — turkey, ham, game hens, sweet potatoes, corn on the cob, cranberry sauces and pumpkin pie. In addition, the DFAC has added menu items such as shrimp cocktail, roasted duck, strawberry shortcake and pineapple upside down cake to tempt your palette.

Families of E-1 through E-4 Soldiers pay \$4.60 per person; all others

will be charged \$5.40.

The Division Artillery DFAC will serve the Thanksgiving meal from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The other dining halls have designated meal times by battalion when the officers from each unit will be serving the meal.

1st Battalion, 94th Field Artillery dining facility

HHS, 11-11:36 a.m.

Alpha, 11:36 a.m. to 12:12 p.m.

Bravo, 12:12-12:48 p.m.

Charlie, 12:48-1:24 p.m.

Delta, 1:24-2 p.m.

2nd Brigade dining facility

HHC, 2nd Brigade, 1-35th Armor, 11 a.m. to noon

47th FSB and 40th Engineers,

noon to 1 p.m.

1-6th Infantry, 1-2 p.m.

2-6th Infantry, 2-3 p.m.

The dining facilities will continue to offer their breakfast and dinner meals on Thanksgiving. Times vary between facilities.

Division Artillery dining facility

7-8 a.m. breakfast; 3:30-4:30 p.m. dinner.

1-94th FA, 7-8 a.m. breakfast; 3-4 p.m. dinner.

2nd Brigade, 6-7 a.m. breakfast; 5-6 p.m. dinner.

Although units will have designated periods when their officers will be serving, guests may dine at any time the meal is being served.

Ansbach, SHAPE, Wiesbaden dominate Super Six

The six powerhouse teams in European American high school football clashed Nov. 6 at Baumholder's Minick Field during the annual Super Six championships.

When it was all over three teams emerged as the definitive champions in their divisions.

The hosting Division III Baumholder Buccaneers were

mercied by Ansbach after a pass completion with only 4:43 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. The final score was Ansbach 54, Baumholder 14. This year marks the second year in a row that Baumholder has made it to the championships.

The Division II SHAPE Spartans led the International School of Brussels Raiders by 17-0 at the half.

A Raiders drive in the last quarter could not break through the Spartan defense, and so the Raiders ended the game scoreless against the Spartans, 31-0.

The Wiesbaden/Heidelberg clash for the Division I title that many braved the inclement weather to see was also a lopsided event, ending in a 37-7 victory for Wiesbaden.



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Pfc. Veronica Spencer, along with other cooks, prepares for the annual Thanksgiving celebration at the 2nd Brigade Dining Facility.